

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 22, 1849.

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AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. DAYTON to the bill [H. R. 692]
making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses
of government, for the year ending the thirtieth of June,
eighteen hundred and fifty, and for other purposes.

1 That until the end of the first session of the next
2 Congress, unless other provision for the government of
3 the territories recently acquired from Mexico, under the
4 late treaty with that government, (dated second February,
5 eighteen hundred and forty-eight,) be sooner made by
6 Congress, all the military, civil, and judicial powers exer-
7 cised by the officers of the existing government of the
8 same territories shall be vested in such person or persons,
9 and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of
10 the United States shall direct, for the maintaining the in-
11 habitants of said territories in the free enjoyment of their
12 liberty, property, and religion; and the laws of the United
13 States, relating to the revenue and its collection, shall be

14 extended to said territories. And the President of the
15 United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized, within
16 the term aforesaid, to establish such districts for the col-
17 lection of the revenue, and during the recess of Congress
18 appoint such officers, whose commissions shall expire at
19 the end of the next session of Congress, to enforce the
20 said laws, as to him shall seem expedient; said officers
21 to receive such compensation as the President may pre-
22 scribe, not exceeding double the compensation heretofore
23 paid to similar officers of the United States, or its territo-
24 ries, for like services; and to enable the same to be done,
25 the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be appropri-
26 ated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise ap-
27 propriated.

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1 That the President of the United States be, and he
2 hereby is, authorized to hold possession of, and occupy, the
3 territories of California and New Mexico, ceded by
4 Mexico to the United States by the treaty of the of
5 February, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and that he
6 be authorized for that purpose, and in order, to maintain
7 the authority of the United States, and preserve peace and
8 order in said territories, to employ such parts of the army
9 and navy of the United States as he may deem necessary.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That until the
2 expiration of the next session of Congress, unless Con-
3 gress shall sooner provide for the government of said ter-
4 ritories, the existing laws thereof shall be maintained and

5 observed; and that the civil and judicial authorities, here-
6 tofore exercised in said territories, shall be vested in, and
7 exercised by, such person or persons as the President
8 of the United States shall appoint and direct, to the end
9 that the inhabitants of said territories may be protected in
10 the full and free enjoyment of their liberty, property, and
11 religion: *Provided, nevertheless,* That martial law shall
12 not be proclaimed or declared in said territories, or either
13 of them, nor any military court established or instituted,
14 except ordinary courts martial for the trial of persons be-
15 longing to the army and navy of the United States.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum
2 of thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is,
3 appropriated for the purpose of carrying these provisions
4 into effect; to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury
5 not otherwise appropriated.